

Senate File 119 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the sale or lease of the Iowa communications
2 network.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. SALE OR LEASE OF IOWA COMMUNICATIONS
2 NETWORK. The Iowa telecommunications and technology commission
3 shall implement a request for proposals process to sell
4 or lease the Iowa communications network. The request for
5 proposals shall provide for the sale to be concluded or the
6 lease to commence during the fiscal year beginning July 1,
7 2015. The commission shall condition the sale or lease of the
8 Iowa communications network with terms that will allow existing
9 authorized users of the network to continue such use at a
10 lower overall long-term cost when compared to the anticipated
11 operation and maintenance costs if state ownership and control
12 were to continue. The commission shall submit periodic status
13 reports to the general assembly at three-month intervals,
14 beginning on October 1, 2015, regarding progress made toward
15 selling or leasing the network.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill directs the Iowa telecommunications and technology
20 commission to implement a request for proposals process to sell
21 or lease the Iowa communications network, with the sale to be
22 concluded or lease to commence during the fiscal year beginning
23 July 1, 2015. The bill specifies that the sale or lease must
24 allow existing authorized users of the network to continue
25 use at a lower overall long-term cost when compared to the
26 anticipated operation and maintenance costs if state ownership
27 and control were to continue. The bill requires the commission
28 to submit status reports to the general assembly every three
29 months, beginning October 1, 2015, regarding progress made
30 toward selling or leasing the network.